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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 5837

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, LI, OAU  
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING AID TO  
LIBERIA

REF: MONROVIA 5830

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS,  
DENNIS ASKED CONCERNING THE STATUS OF OUR GIFT TO THE GOL  
FOR THE OAU SUMMIT. I REPLIED THAT WE WERE NEARING A  
DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT I HOPED THE INFORMATION  
COULD BE PASSED TO HIM SOON. I TOLD HIM PROSPECTS WERE GOOD.

2. DENNIS REPLIED THAT SO FAR AS THE GOL IS CONCERNED  
IT WILL BE SATISFIED TO KNOW THAT ITS GOOD FRIENDS HAVE  
"MADE THE EFFORT." HE SAID THE SIZE OF THE GIFT IS NOT AS  
IMPORTANT AS THE FACT THAT SOMETHING IS BEING DONE. WITH-  
OUT SAYING SO, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE GOL WOULD BE  
DEEPLY HURT IF THE USG WERE UNABLE TO MAKE SOME GESTURE  
OF SUPPORT WHEN AFRICA IS RECOGNIZING THE INFLUENTIAL POSI-  
TION OF LIBERIA AND ITS PRESIDENT IN CONTINENTAL AFFAIRS.

3. DENNIS THEN SAID THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS ASKED HIM  
TO REVIEW OVERALL U.S. AID PROJECTS TO LIBERIA. I HAD  
ANTICIPATED SUCH A REQUEST FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS AND  
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HAD ASKED AID TO PREPARE A TALKING POINTS PAPER WHICH I  
HAD WITH ME. I FOLLOWED THE TEXT OF THE PAPER MOST  
CLOSELY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOOK COPIOUS  
NOTES. THE TEXT OF THE PAPER FOLLOWS:

"BETWEEN FY 78 AND FY 84 USAID HAS PROPOSED A PROGRAM OF  
\$103.6 MILLION. THE SPLIT IS APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT

LOAN AND 60 PERCENT GRANT. THIS CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING EXCEEDINGLY CONCESSIONAL.

"THE AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE IMPACT OF THE CARTER VISIT'S INCREASED COMMITMENT WILL BE FELT FROM FY 79 FORWARD. USING THIS AS A BASE, THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE U.S. CONCESSIONAL AID PROGRAM WILL BE \$16.3 MILLION PER YEAR. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE PEACE CORPS, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION, PUBLIC LAW 480, OR MILITARY PROGRAMS. THESE COULD CONCEIVABLY INCREASE THE LEVEL BY APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION A YEAR. IN ADDITION, HOUSING GUARANTEES WILL ADD \$5 MILLION TO THE TOTAL, STARTING IN FY 79. THE ABOVE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE USAID OPERATING EXPENDITURES (COST OF ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, WHICH INVARIABLY INCLUDES SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT), WHICH WILL AVERAGE \$3 MILLION PER YEAR.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THE LEVELS WILL NOT BE EVEN DURING THE PERIOD UNDER DISCUSSION. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1979 THE AID LEVEL IS EXPECTED TO BE \$11.2 MILLION. IN 1984 IT IS EXPECTED TO BE \$19.6 MILLION. THE LONG LEAD TIME NEEDED IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS MAKES THIS A REALISTIC PROJECTION. THESE LEVELS CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS "POST PRESIDENTIAL VISIT" LEVELS, AS THEY DERIVE FROM BOTH COUNTRY STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION WHICH WERE SUBMITTED AT THE END OF MAY.

"FIGURES FOR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ARE NOT INCLUDED. IN OFFICIALLY CATALOGING SPIGOTS OF AID, EX-IM  
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BANK IS NORMALLY INCLUDED. THE AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO CITE THE INVOLVEMENT OF EX-IM IN THE PAST AND THE EXPECTED MAINTENANCE OF A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE FUTURE."  
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